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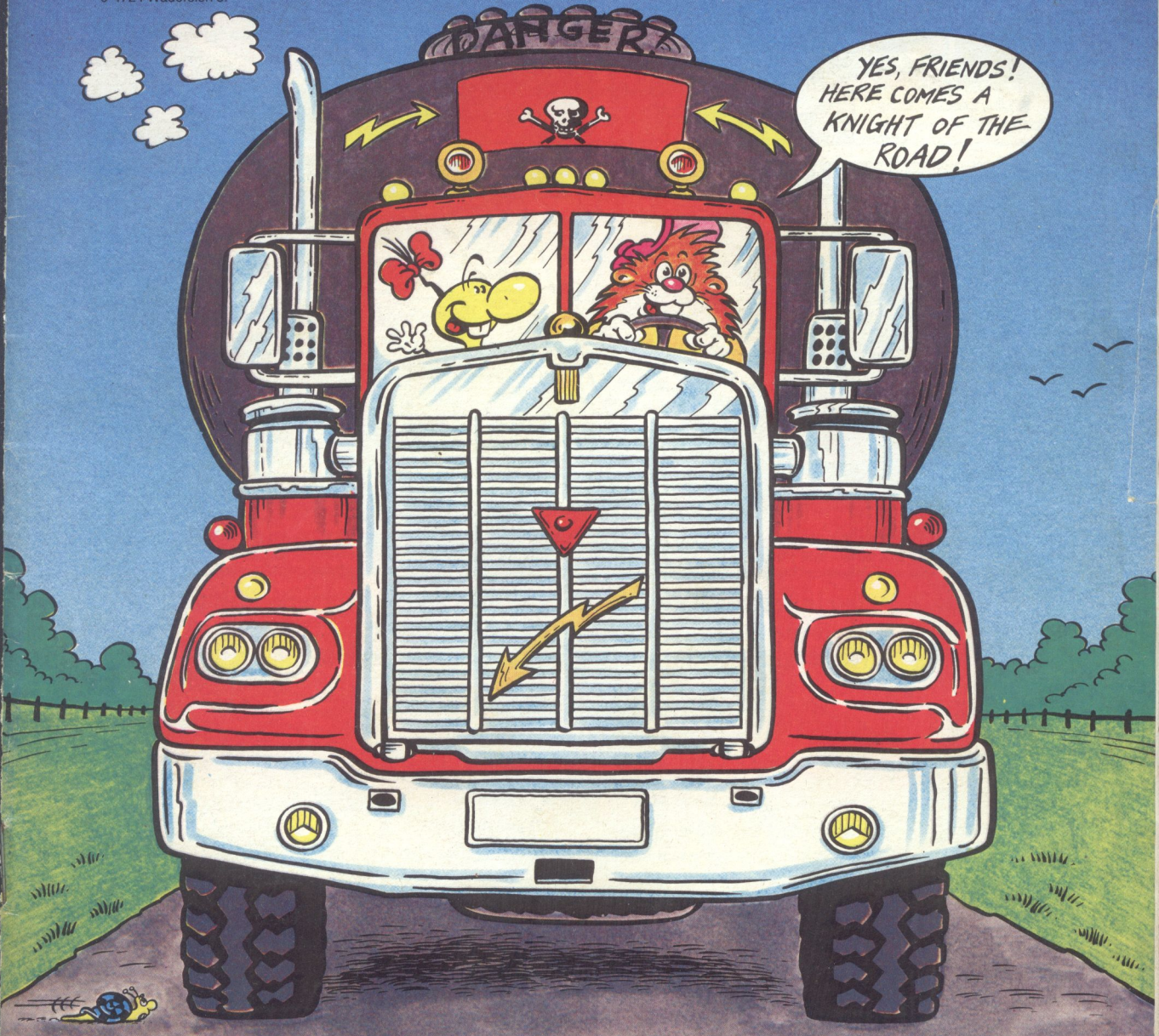

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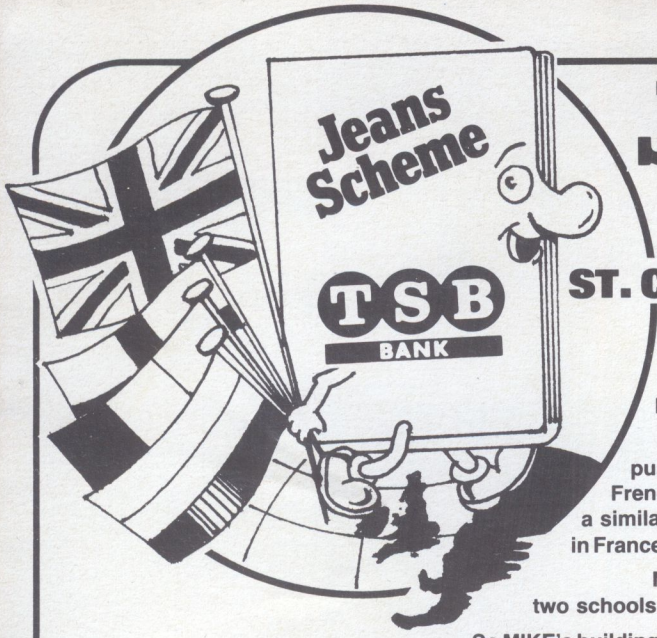


Jeans Scheme

"TWINS"

ST. COLUMBA'S WITH SACRÉ COEUR

Here's another European PEN-PAL FIRST for MIKE. St. Columba's Primary School of Huyton, Liverpool have set up a pen-pal club with Ecole du Sacré Coeur in Marseille, France.

Teacher Mrs. Marjorie Murphy wrote telling us of the 47 pupils she was eager to find French pen-pals and, thanks to our French version of MIKE, we were able to link the class with one of a similar age in Marseille (coincidentally, Liverpool's official "twin town" in France).

Now there's a busy two-way flow of letters between the two schools.

So MIKE's building bridges (or digging Chunnels!) between people all over Europe.

If you'd like a pen-pal, MIKE could help. Just fill in the coupon on **PAGE 14**

MIKE'S MAILBAG MISCELLANY

Dear MIKE,

Once before you carried my appeal for used postage stamps to help my Dad raise funds to buy a mini-bus to take out OAP's and handicapped children. We had a great response. But we still need more. So please, MIKE readers help me turn those apparently useless stamps into something really worthwhile. Send them to me:

Jill Lock (13), 85 Cotford Road,
Maypole,
Birmingham B14 5JJ.

Dear MIKE,

I'm the editor of a school newpaper called "The News Box". Our 21st edition is coming up and I would love contributions from any Jeans Schemes savers. Drawings, odd inventions, jokes – anything. If they send a SAE I'll make sure they get a copy.

Mark Thomas, Editor,
Orton Longueville Comprehensive Newspaper,
113 Blackmead, Orton
Malborne,
Peterborough PE2 0PZ.

Dear MIKE,

I have been in the Jeans Scheme for about a year now and enjoy reading your mag (wish it came out more often!). Could you put in something about "Just say NO!" as I think it is well worth knowing about.

Sally Hook (12), Salty Rise, Chilton Avenue, Teignmouth, Devon TQ14 8NP.

Thanks Sally,
Yes, "Just say No"is a very important message. It's what you should say if anyone tries to suggest you inhale, sniff or swallow anything which could be drug-based. It's not "chicken"to say "NO" – it's SMART!

MIKE.

Dear MIKE,

I'd love to hear from other readers about what they do with their pocket money.

And any ideas for making more. And what about a Pop Page in MIKE?

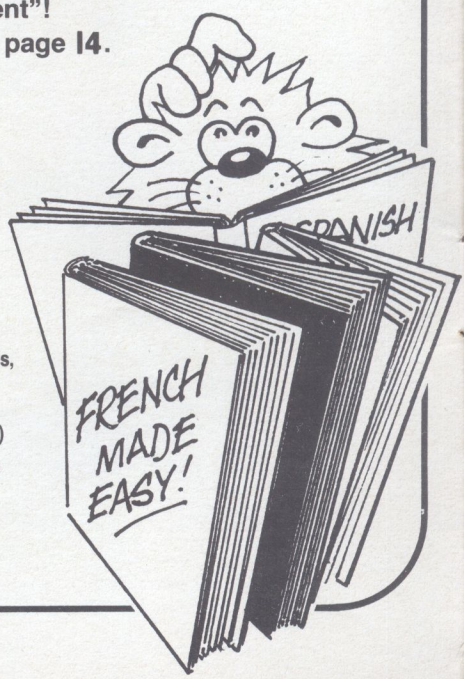
Clare Wakelam (13)
5 Cedar Close,
Walsall, West Midlands WS5 4LJ.

MIKE'S CONTINENTAL PHRASE BOOK

'Allo, Mes Amis! Here are some more phrases to help you in your letter writing to Jeans Scheme pen-pals "Sur Le Continent"!
You'll find your pen-pal request coupon on page 14.

NEW

ENGLISH	FRENCH	GERMAN	SPANISH
Hi!	Salut!	Hi!	Hola!
I understand	Je comprends	Ich verstche	Yo entiendo
I don't understand	Je ne comprends pas	Ich verstche nicht	Yo no entiendo
How do you say "..."?	Comment dire "..."?	Wie sagt man "..."	Como se dice "..."?
My favourite group is A-HA!	Mon group préféré est A-HA!	A-HA! ist mein Lieblingsgroup	Mi grupo favorito es A-HA!
I like (sweets, ice cream	J'aime (les bonbons, les glaces)	Ich liebe (Bonbons, Eis)	Me gustan (las dulces, los helados)
I don't like (school, spinach)	Je n'aime pas (L'école, les épinards)	Ich habe (die Schule, der Spinat) nicht ger	No me gusta (la escuela, la espinaca)
My brother gets on my nerves	Mon frère m'agace	Mein Bruder geht mir auf die Nerven	Mi hermano me irrita
My mum is nice	Ma mère est sympathique	Mein Mutter ist sympathisch	Mi madre es simpática
Cheerio!	Salut!	Tschüs!	Hasta luego!



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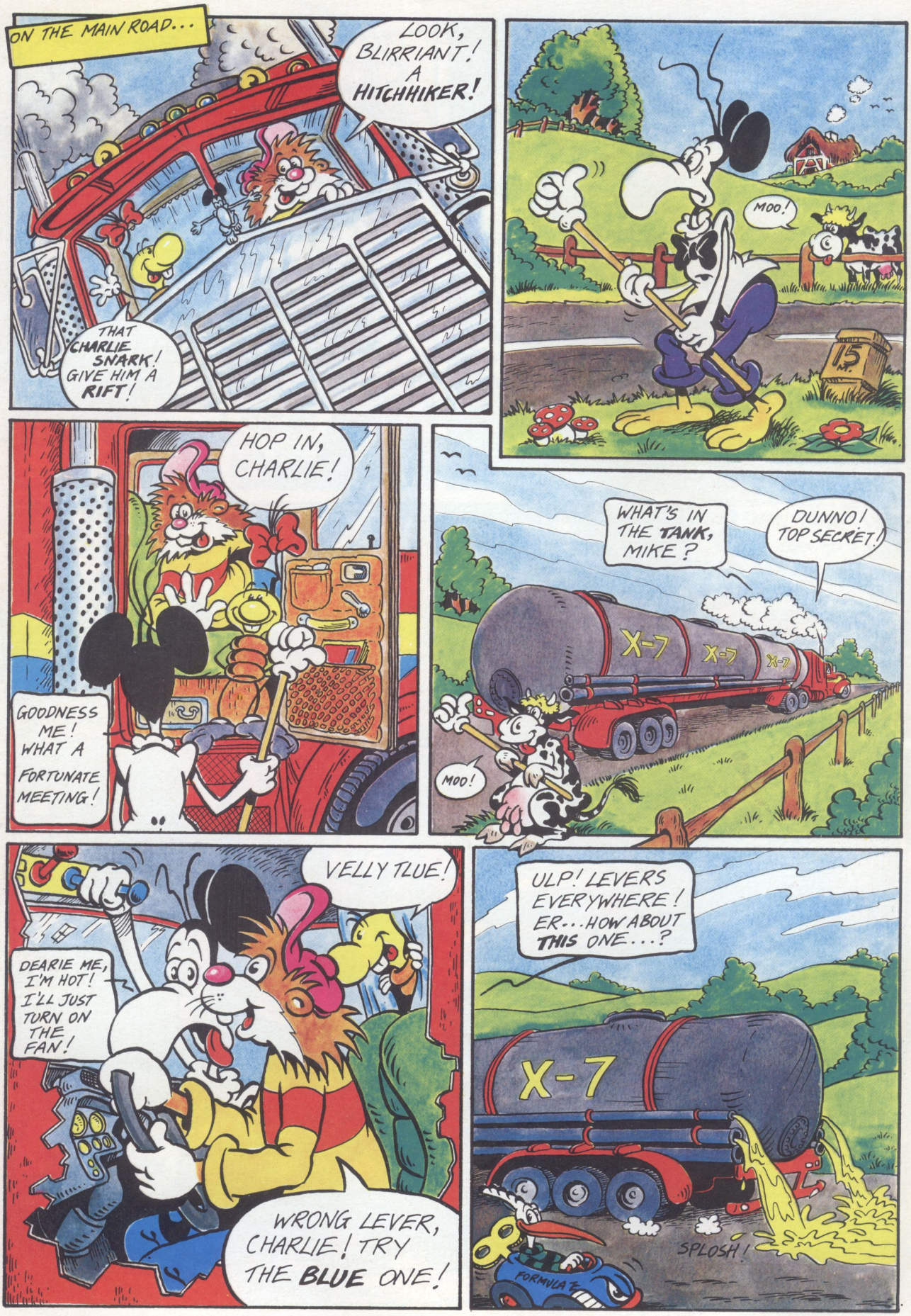
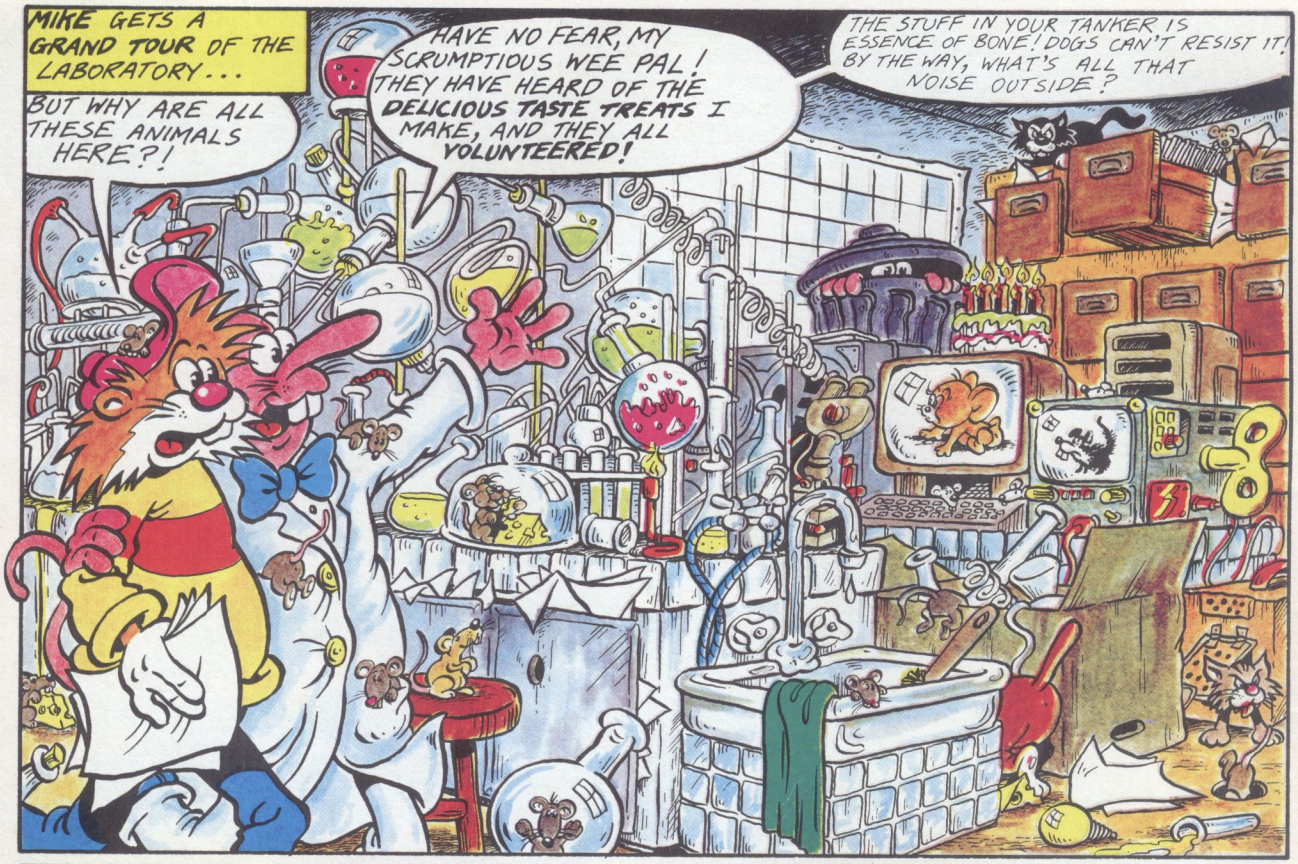
LISTEN TO THIS, MIKE!" BRIGHT YOUNG DRIVER REQUIRED FOR SPECIAL DELIVERY! NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY, BUT ENTHUSIASM VITAL! APPLY JELLYVILLE HAULAGE!"
JELLYVILLE GAZETTE
STORY & ARTWORK BUSCH/BEINHORN/NOWATZYK
EARLY NEXT MORNING, MIKE'S AT THE WHEEL OF A TANKERLOAD OF... HEY, MIKE! WHAT'S THAT TANKER FULL OF?
JELLYVILLE HAULAGE
WHAT HAVE I GOT ON BOARD? EXPLOSIVES?
SORRY, MATE! IT'S TOP SECRET!
CAN BURRIANT COME ALONG FOR THE LIDE?

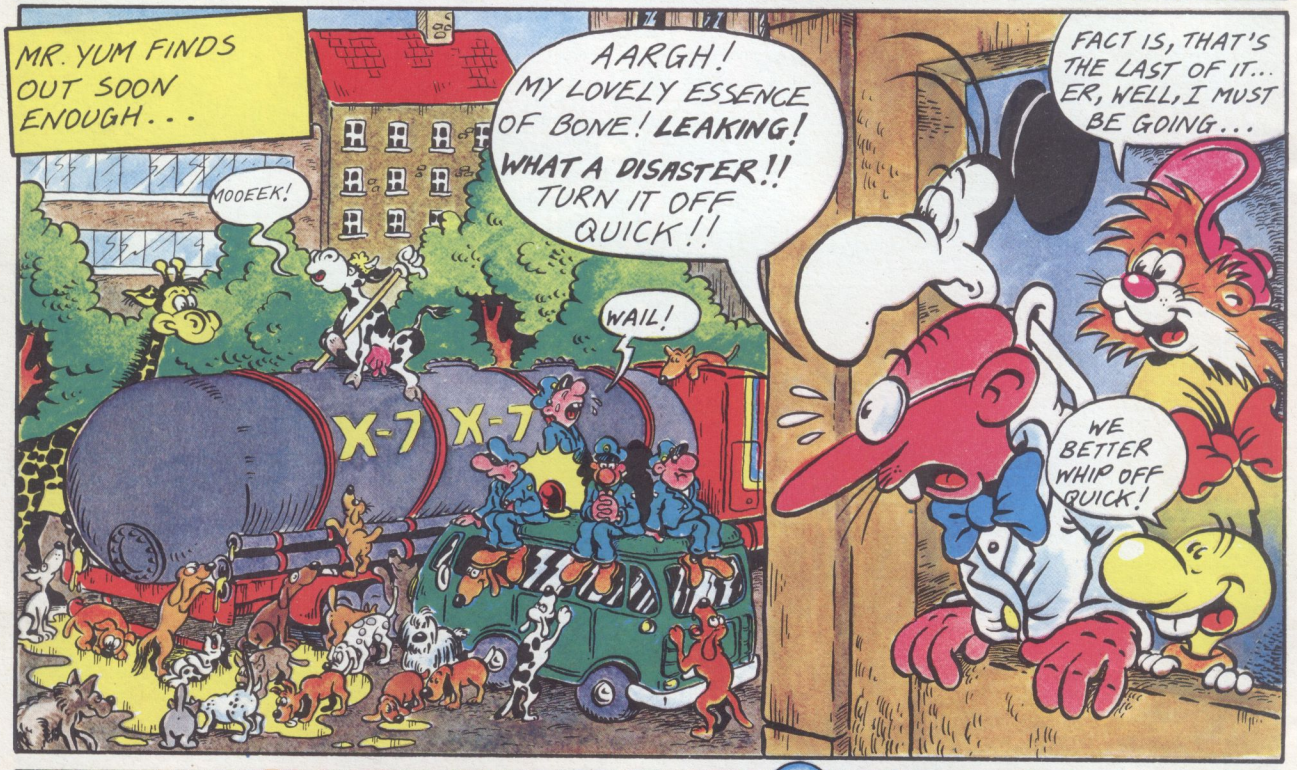

ON THE MAIN ROAD...
LOOK, BLIRRIANT! A HITCHHIKER!
THAT CHARLIE SNARK! GIVE HIM A RIFT!
MOO!
15
HOP IN, CHARLIE!
GOODNESS ME! WHAT A FORTUNATE MEETING!
WHAT'S IN THE TANK, MIKE?
DUNNO! TOP SECRET!
X-7
X-7
X-7
MOO!
VELLY TLUE!
DEARIE ME, I'M HOT! I'LL JUST TURN ON THE FAN!
WRONG LEVER, CHARLIE! TRY THE BLUE ONE!
ULP! LEVERS EVERYWHERE! ER...HOW ABOUT THIS ONE...?
X-7
SPLOSH!
FORMULA 1

?
SLURP!
I'VE GOT THE STRANGEST FEELING WE'RE BEING FOLLOWED!
GUBBLE
LAP!
X
JUST A COUPLE OF DOGS, CHARLIE! THEY WON'T HURT YOU!
ER... THERE SEEMS TO BE MORE THAN A COUPLE.. MORE LIKE A PACK, ACTUALLY!
RELAX, CHARLIE! WE'RE NEARLY THERE!
JAM-BOROUGH
SLURG!
WOOF!
ROCKY 103
COR! WHAT'S GOING ON?
STOP
ROARR!
X-7
TOW

IT'S A DOG'S LIFE WITHOUT MIKE!
AARGH! BY DOSE!
PHEEEP!
YAP! YAP!
WANT A LICK, ROVER?

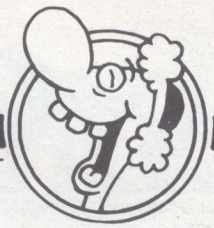
WHOOPS! THINGS ARE GETTING OUT OF HAND! BUT HERE COME THE EMERGENCY SERVICES...
THIS IS THE POLICE! PLEASE CONTROL YOUR DOGS!
?
ERK!
ER... I WONDER WHAT'S UPSETTING THOSE DOGS?
ONE DOG RIOT LATER..
YUMMY TASTES LTD.
AT LAST! WE'VE ARRIVED!
PROP. ARTHUR UM
ER.. MR. YUM? I'VE GOT A TOP SECRET TANKERLOAD OUTSIDE FOR YOU!
OO! GOODIE! HOW DELICIOUS!!


MIKE GETS A GRAND TOUR OF THE LABORATORY...
BUT WHY ARE ALL THESE ANIMALS HERE?!
HAVE NO FEAR, MY SCRUMPTIOUS WEE PAL! THEY HAVE HEARD OF THE DELICIOUS TASTE TREATS I MAKE, AND THEY ALL VOLUNTEERED!
THE STUFF IN YOUR TANKER IS ESSENCE OF BONE! DOGS CAN'T RESIST IT! BY THE WAY, WHAT'S ALL THAT NOISE OUTSIDE?


MR. YUM FINDS OUT SOON ENOUGH...
MOOEEK!
AARGH! MY LOVELY ESSENCE OF BONE! LEAKING! WHAT A DISASTER!! TURN IT OFF QUICK!!
WAIL!
X-7 X-7
FACT IS, THAT'S THE LAST OF IT... ER, WELL, I MUST BE GOING...
WE BETTER WHIP OFF QUICK!

MYSTERIES of the PHARAOHS
DON'T MISS PART I OF A BRAND NEW ADVENTURE SERIES - SET AMONG THE STRANGE AND DANGEROUS WORLD OF THE ANCIENT EGYPTIANS. IN YOUR NEXT
MIKE

HA-HA! HI-HI! HO-HO!



WORST PRIZE

Dear MIKE,
Q: How did Joan lose her alarm clock?
A: It just went off while she was asleep!

No name, 18 Heybrook Ave., Plymouth.

Dear MIKE,
Q: If we get honey from a bee, what do we get from a wasp?
A: Waspberry Jam!

John Heap, 32 Swirntes Street, Burnley, Lancs.

Dear MIKE,
Q: Why do elephants have big ears?
A: Because Noddy won't pay the ransom!

Maria Bonnell, 59 Ludlow Road, Church Stretton, Shropshire.

Dear MIKE,
Q: What do you call a girl standing between two football posts?
A: Anet!

Joanne Bailey (12), 1 Upper Melton Terrace, Melton, Woodbridge.

Dear MIKE,
Q: What do you call a cat who's swallowed a duck?
A: A "duck-filled" Catty-puss!

Steven Wills (13), 74 Evelyn Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

Dear MIKE,
Doctor! Doctor! Could you help me out?
Certainly which way did you come in?

Robert Ryan, 22 Cartmel Walk, Manchester.

Dear MIKE,
Q: What do you call a man with a needle on his head?
A: Fred!

Suzanne Lomax, 202 Trafford Road, Manchester.

Dear MIKE,
John: Will you help me with my Maths homework?
Father: Certainly not – it would not be right!
John: Maybe not, but you could try!

D. Batson (10), 17 Stella Street, Mansfield.

Dear MIKE,
Q: What's worse than being with a fool?
A: Fooling with a bee!

No name, 45 Village Road, Aston, Birmingham.

Dear MIKE,
Q: What do you call a girl lying on a beach?
A: Sandy

Stephen Falco, 6 Grangewood, Potters Bar, Herts.

Dear MIKE,
Mother: Why are you jumping up and down, son?
Son: I've just taken my medicine and I forgot to shake the bottle!

Damaris Sims, 7 Tunsball Terrace, Sunderland.

DOCTOR CHARLIE SNARK WRITES

Greetings, dear Readers!

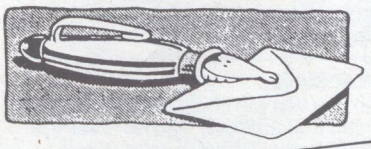
Yes indeed, here is your intrepid JOKE EDITOR, back from his summer hols and looking bronzed and fat, sorry, fit! My search for the IDEAL ASSISTANT continues. Your letters of application are pouring in, and we'll be printing the most HUMOROUS in our next issue – so keep them coming.

While on holiday, I read a highly diverting book, called FALLING OFF THE CLIFF by EILEEN DOVER!

(That's one of the oldest jokes I've ever heard – MIKE).

Well, I must be popping along, or MIKE will have opened all your letters before I get there! Keep writing and don't forget the PRIZES for the most MISERABLE jokes!

Your Joke Editor
Dr. Charlie Snark.



Dear MIKE,
Q: Why did the cow go to Hollywood?
A: To be a mooooovie star!

Jo-anne Wilcock (11), 10 Commercial Street, Barnsley.

Dear MIKE,
Teacher: Can you give me a sentence with the word "gruesome" in it?
Pupil: My mum wanted some lettuces so my dad grew some.

Ken Brown (13), 9 Assheton Ave., Manchester.

Dear MIKE,
Q: What sort of cheese is made backwards?
A: Edam!

James Brennan (13), 10 Blenheim Road, Birmingham.

Dear MIKE,
Q: How does a flea travel?
A: By "Itch-Hiking"!

Tracy Lawton (12), Chell-Heath, Stoke-On-Trent.

Dear MIKE,
One day a man was coming home from work when his car broke down outside a monastery. The monks invited him in to have some fish and chips. Afterwards he saw a monk wearing a chefs hat and he said to him, "Those fish and chips were nice, are you the chipmonk? And the monk said, "No I'm the fish Friar!"

Rebecca Cross (10½), Walton on the Hill, Stafford.

Dear MIKE,
Q: What do you get if you cross a fish with an elephant?
A: Swimming trunks!

Karen Moss, 10 Page Road, Essex.

Dear MIKE,
Patient: Doctor, Doctor, I've lost my memory!
Doctor: When did you lose it?
Patient: When did I lose what?

Mohmed Ahmed, 17 Rutland Street, Bolton.

Dear MIKE,
Q: Why did the baker stop making doughnuts?
A: He got tired of the hole business.

Vicky Broughton, 5 Lyric Close, Harthill Drive, Hull.

Dear MIKE,
Q: What's bad-tempered and goes with custard?
A: Apple grumble!

Christine Lagan, 43 Primrose Road, Tyne and Wear.

Dear MIKE,
Q: What do you call a woman with one leg longer than the other?
A: EILEEN (I LEAN!).

Brenda McIntosh (14), 77 School Lane, Woolton, Liverpool.

Dear MIKE,
Knock Knock!
Who's there?
Quacker!
Quacker who?
Quacker nother bad joke and I'm off!

WORST PRIZE

Stephanie Wright (6), Bosley Grove, Stoke-On-Trent.

Knock, Knock!
Who's there?
Andy!
Andy who?
Andy bit me again!

Karina MacDonald, 49 Chalcone Ave., Northampton.

WRITE TO T.S.B.'s MIKE, SCHOOL GARDENS, SHREWSBURY SY1 2AJ.

MIKE'S CLUB CORNER

Dear MIKE,
I have started an Animal Patrol Club, aimed at helping any animals. There is a club card and a notebook, all letters will be answered but I can only accept 9 more members, so if anybody wants to join send a S.A.E. to:
Alexis Hunter, Animal Patrol, 39 Clive Street, Tantany Estate, West Bromwich, West Midlands.

Dear MIKE,
I would like to start a Dog and Puppy Club, for any one interested there would be leaflets and every thing you would want to know about dogs. Send a S.A.E. to:
Kirsy Campbell, 76 Beaumont Road, Spring Bank, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire GL51 0LW.

Dear MIKE,
Q: What comes out of a wardrobe at 100 mph?
A: Stirling Moth!

Sarah, Heath Charnock, Nr. Chorley.

SWAP-SPOT

Dear MIKE,
I would like to swap my pocket game, Donkey Kong Jr. for Munch Man.
If anyone has got this game please write to me.
Darren Marc Townsend 1 Milverton Road, Victoria Park, Manchester. M14 5PL.

Dear MIKE,
I have been with the Jeans Scheme since January of this year. Toby, my brother convinced me to join it and now I'm glad he did!
I've managed to save £8.00 in the six months and I have got 16 savings stickers.
I think your comic is great.
Casey J. Dyer (11)
8 Cornholme Terrace, Cornholme, Todmorden, Lancs.

Dear MIKE,
I'd like to start up a pop posters club. If any of your readers want to swap posters they should send their posters to me along with a list of what posters they want and a stamped addressed envelope.
Denise Shaw (14)
7 March Banks, Rugeley, Staffs. WS15 2SA.

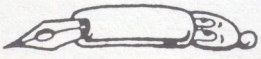
Dear MIKE,
Is there any one out there who is mad about horses? Don't fret you don't have to own one this is a Model Horse Club. A newsletter and badge will be sent out with lots of competitions for rosettes to be won. Send a S.A.E. to:
Lynne Robertson, 83 Spardling Road, Fens Estate, Harlepool, Cleveland.

Dear MIKE,
I would like to start a Football Supporters Club, I am hoping to swop news from other football clubs. Send a S.A.E. to:
Susan Handley, 42 Norwood Road, Stretford, Manchester M32 8PW.

Dear MIKE,
If you are interested in joining the CC (Cool Club) please write as we are interested in knowing your hobbies and what you do in your spare time. Our hobbies are collecting postcards and going for walks with our dog 'Jinty' who is a beagle. We also enjoy listening to pop records like Madonna, A-ha and Wham, we also enjoy playing Cricket and Rounders. Please write to us and tell us about your hobbies.
Rachael (12), Andrea (11) and Vicki (11)
21 Singleton Way, Fulwood, Preston, Lancs. PR2 4PX

Dear MIKE,
I am now running a Jeans Scheme Collection Club. So if you would like to write to me with the ideas of things that you collect I will produce a magazine from your ideas. We could maybe give each other a hand with our collections.
Send a SAE to the address and send your ideas.
Kay (14)
40 Frederick Road Stapleford, Nottingham. NG9 8FN

Dear MIKE,
Do you want to "help that person" or "help that animal". You do! Well the Help Charity Organisation needs you.
You could become part of the Help Organisation and take part in various fund-raising events. If you're interested write some ideas down and send them to:
The "Help" Charity Organisation 46 Gorse Lane, Upton, Poole, Dorset. BH16 5RS



Dear MIKE,
I would like to start a Stamp Club, it would be great fun swopping stamps and information. Send a S.A.E. to:
Samantha Woodliffe (11), 3 Weymouth Way, Peterborough, England PE1 4RW.

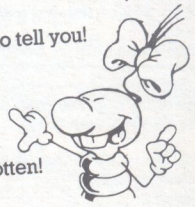
SPECIAL, KNOCK, KNOCK CORNER

Dear MIKE,
Just recently I filled in my savings poster with the correct number of stickers, I thought that the idea of the surprise gift was brilliant and the choices of prizes excellent.
I have sent some of my worst knock knock jokes for Doctor Charlie Snark.

Knock, Knock
Who's there?
Toby.
Toby Who?
Toby or not Toby, that is the question!

Knock, Knock
Who's there?
Martini.
Martini who?
Martini hands are frozen!

Knock, Knock.
Who's there?
Shirley.
Shirley who?
Shirley I don't need to tell you!



Knock, Knock.
Who's there?
Amy.
Amy who?
Amy fraid I've forgotten!

Knock, Knock.
Who's there?
Dismay.
Dismay who?
Dismay be a joke but I don't find it funny!

Knock, Knock.
Who's there?
Tick.
Tick who?
Tick 'em up, I'm a tongue tied cowboy!

Michelle Thomas
62 Sorrel Gardens, Holder House Estate, South Shields, Tyne & Wear

BECOME A CARTOON STRIP WRITER

Ever wanted to work on a comic? Think it's too easy? Or too difficult? Well, give it a try – you could end up with a PRIZE!

Name _____

Age _____

Address _____

CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES IS OCTOBER 24th.

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Dear MIKE,
I come from Denmark and am looking for an English girl to write to. I love reading, writing letters, riding, listening to music and dancing. One of my favourite singers is Sandra Kim from Belgium!
Lene Daubjerg (14), Sortmejsevej 3, 8800 Viborg, Denmark.

Dear MIKE,
I'm looking for either a boy or a girl to write to in England. I've plenty of hobbies, including horses, riding, football, music (especially Madonna and A-HA). I also like reading and going to parties.
Judy Hargreave (11), Marienborgalles, 2860 Soborg, Denmark.

Dear MIKE,
I enjoy most sports, including badminton, tennis, football (especially the Danish national football side!) I'd like to write to an English girl who is just as sporty as myself.
Tine Egelund (12), Vestervang 31, 3460 Birkerod, Denmark.

Dear MIKE,
I am extremely interested in going to parties, skating, playing handball and riding horses. Just some of my idols are Duran Duran, Madonna, Arcadia and A-HA.
Charlotte Juncker (13), Horseraenget 260, 2610 Rodovre, Denmark.

Dear MIKE,
My hobbies are dancing, going to the pictures, gymnastics and music, and I adore animals. I'd love to find an English girl pen-friend with similar interests.
Catherine Bonmaire (14), 4 Rue de Triouche, 88480 Etiual, France.

Dear MIKE,
I love to read, swim, play music, draw, collect comics and write lots of letters. I would prefer a girl pen-pal from England aged 11-12.
Maria Tatum (11), 9 Booth Close, Thames, London SE28.

Dear MIKE,
Collecting football stickers – playing football (I'm football mad!) But I also enjoy reading, music and television. I'd like a boy pen-pal aged 7-8 who likes the same things.
Joseph L. Riley (7), 61 Priorsfield Road, Woolton, Liverpool, L25 8TL.

Dear MIKE,
I'm looking for a boy pen-pal aged 13+ (if that's O.K.) and someone who enjoys writing letters and loves pop music of any kind. Write as soon as possible!
Emma Dean (13), 71 St. Ann's Lane, Leeds LS4 2SE.

Dear MIKE,
My hobbies are riding my bike, roller skating and ballet dancing (not at the same time I hasten to add). I'd like a 9 year old girl pen-pal to write to.
Alicia Speller (9), 46 Stemdale Drive, Clayton, Staffs.

Dear MIKE,
I'd like a girl pen-friend from England who has the same hobbies as myself: collecting stamps, music, Shakin' Stevens, computers and kittens.
Dawn Jones (8), 18 Harps Croft, Sefton, Liverpool L30 0PB.

Dear MIKE,
I'd like to write to either a boy or a girl pen-friend. He or she must be able to speak French. Believe it or not I really enjoy school, and also gymnastics, organ playing and fashion. Please send a photo.
Carine Planchenault, Z.1. route d'Isse Garage du Lace, 44110 Chateaubriant, France.

Dear MIKE,
I'm looking for an English boy aged 13-14 perhaps. Tennis, football, moto-cross, music and judo are all favourite interests.
Hugues Espinasse (12½), 117 Boulevarde Yves Farge, 69007 Lyon, France.

Dear MIKE,
I'm a big Wham fan! My hobbies include dancing, going to Brownies, playing outside and collecting fans!
Angela Rice (8), 254 Scholars Path, Newton Aycliffe, Durham.

Dear MIKE,
I'm looking for either a girl or a boy pen-friend who has the same hobbies and is aged about 12. I enjoy skiing, reading, table tennis, collecting postcards and stickers, music, nature and animals and cycling.
Andreas Munzinger (12), Wiesenstrasse 42, 7430 Metzingen, West Germany.

Dear MIKE,
I'm looking for a girl pen-pal who, like me, likes to go roller skating, disco dancing, Wham, Paul Young, Madonna, watching Eastenders, lazing in the sun and collecting stickers.
Sally Ann Couldridge (13), 14 Dale Street, Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

Dear MIKE,
I'm looking for either a boy or girl pen-friend aged 13-14. I love to go to parties, smile a lot and I really do hate football! I do so love music that gets my feet tapping.
Stephan Tiran (13½), Rue les Coteaux fu forest, 05000, Gar, France.

Dear MIKE,
I'd really like to find an English girl aged 16, who likes music, dancing, smiling and enjoying herself. I also love literature, television and lots more. So write soon. . .
Christine Duquenne (16), 32 Rue 1 Voltaire Tour A2, 89300 Joigny, France.

Dear MIKE,
I like to read and write letters, listen to music and I play the violin. Knitting, collecting stamps, playing table tennis and animals are a few more of my hobbies. I don't mind whether I find a girl or a boy pen-pal, and I can write in either German or English.
Silke Herrlinger (14), Georg- Buchnerstrasse 70, 6000 Frankfurt 56, West Germany.

Dear MIKE,
Pop music, reading, writing letters, collecting stamps and postcards, drawing and sewing are just a few of my many hobbies. I'd like to find either a girl or a boy pen-pal to write to.
Stefanie Wilmer (11), Bellingser Weg 21, 5760 Arnsberg 14, West Germany.

Dear MIKE,
My hobbies? Swimming, fishing, Computer games, going to the pictures and pop music (especially Dr. and the Medics and 5 Star). I'd prefer a girl pen-friend from England aged 13-14. Please send a photo.
Ian Bramley (14), 5 Tamworth Grove, Clifton, Nottingham NG11 8JB.

Dear MIKE,
I'm not fussy – either boy or girl, any age. But I promise to answer any letters. I enjoy swimming, reading, singing in the Church choir, collecting posters of Shakin' Stevens, keeping goldfish and of course writing to pen-pals.
Catherine Ashworth (13), 78 Hollins Spring Ave., Dronfield, Sheffield.

Dear MIKE,
I'm looking for a girl pen-pal from England. I like to listen to music, go swimming, draw, dance, collect stamps, go cycling and I love animals.
Just Tobias (13½), Afrikastr. 46, 4937 Lage/Hagen, West Germany.

Dear MIKE,
I like to go riding, either horses or ponies. I also love writing letters, and promise to reply to any written to me. I'd like to find a girl pen-pal who, like me, is horse mad!
Bianca Beissner (11), Tohlkampstrasse 1, 3260 Renteln 9 West Germany.

Dear MIKE,
I'm looking for a girl pen-pal aged about 12-13. I love reading and writing, and another great passion is roller skating. I like all the British and American singers – in fact I like everything to do with England and U.S.A. I'm hoping to become a Surgeon.
Denise Yemisen (12½), 542 la Sauvegarde, 69009, Lyon, France.

Dear MIKE,
I'd love to find a girl pen-pal with similar hobbies aged 13-14. I enjoy swimming, ice-skating, reading, collecting post cards, dancing and so on. . . Please send a photo along with your first letter.
Severine Moiner (13), Mazirot, 88500, Mirecourt, France.

Dear MIKE,
I love all sports (especially swimming and basketball). Also I adore all to do with modern music, discos and fashion. I adore animals, but most of all I prefer holidays and journeys.
Sandrine Bughin (13), No. 1 Cozot, 02200 Saissons, France.

Dear MIKE,
My name is Maxime and I am 9 years old. I'd like to find a girl pen-pal from England so as I can improve my English. I play the piano and go to Music school. Favourite composers? – Bach and Mozart. I also love to smile, play and go on long walks in the country side.
Maxime Tamet (9), 21 Rue de la Brosse, La Roseraie, 42400 St. Chamond, France.

Dear MIKE,
I'm looking for a pen-friend to write to who could help me with my English. I enjoy reading, playing volleyball, swimming and I play the guitar. Please send a photo!
Estelle Funfschilling (15½), 2 Boulevard des foienceries, 57200 Sarreguemines, France.

Dear MIKE,
I'd love to write to an English girl, who like me, enjoys most sports, music and who adores all animals!
Virginie Vaugeois (14), 18 Rue Auguste Renoir, 95370 Montigny, France.

Dear MIKE,
My hobbies include reading, walking, cycling, watching the television, dancing and lots more! I'd like to find an English girl to write to aged 11-12, and someone who can speak a little French.
Muriel Liroy (11½), 11 Rue Chevee, 95800 Cergy St. Christophe, France.

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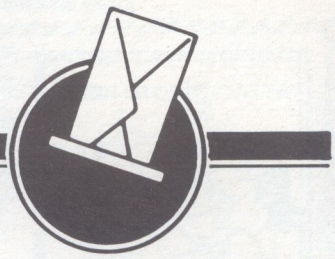


Dear MIKE,
I don't mind how many pen-pals I get, because I promise to write to you all! I love going to the pictures, swimming, all to do with fashion, music. Please could you try to write in French.
Valerie Dubois (14), 1 Residence de la Gare, 59178 Hasnon, France.

Dear MIKE,
Of my many hobbies, I enjoy most playing the piano, table tennis and collecting postcards and stickers. Please write in either German or English.
Patricia Lander (13), Am Rebstock 40, D – 6050 Offenbach, West Germany.

Dear MIKE,
I love all sports (especially tennis, handball, cycling, football, athletics) and I also enjoy music, travelling and anything to do with the United States. Please send a photo (either boy or girl).
Stefah Wiest (20), Graf-Hartman Strasse, 7086 Neresheim, West Germany.

Dear MIKE,
My hobbies include reading, playing the organ, riding and collecting stamps! I'd love to find an English girl to write to who has the same interests.
Sandra Schnitzerling (11½), Höhrweg 38, 3503 Tohfeldern 1, West Germany.

Dear MIKE,
My hobbies include ballroom dancing, reading, running, cycling, swimming. I also love pop music, especially Madonna and A-HA. I also love fashion. . . I'd love to find a pen-pal from England who has similar interests.
Claire Slinger (11), 94 Snoots Road, Whittlesey, Peterborough.

Dear MIKE,
I'm looking for either a boy or a girl pen-pal from England. I enjoy football, reading, music, playing on my computer, going to Scouts, swimming and cycling. It would be great to write to someone with the same hobbies.
David Schubert (11), Weitstrasse 16, 1000 Berlin 27, West Germany.

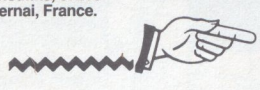
Dear MIKE,
I love to play tennis, enjoy languages, chocolate, playing with my dogs and cats, music, films, cartoons, play on my computer and most of all – holidays!
Regis Clement (13), Rue le pre Sanel-Bassay, 03340 Neuilly-Le-Real, France.

Dear MIKE,
I want to learn English and so would love to write to an English boy aged 8-9. I've started playing football this year and really enjoy it! And I've been learning Kung-Fu for 3 years now. I love all sports in general and I also enjoy playing electronic games.
Fabieu Xiberras, Quartier la Reyne Les Ferrages, 13950 Cadolive, France.

Dear MIKE,
I want to find an English girl to write to, but she must be able to speak a little French. I love music and especially Michael Jackson. I also enjoy gymnastics, reading and writing and riding my bike.
Stephjanie Mounien (11), 37 Rue Charmfleuri, 63100 Clermont, France.

Dear MIKE,
I'm looking for either a girl or boy pen-pal aged 11 or 12. I really enjoy swimming, dancing, animals (especially horses), listening to records, playing on pin-ball machines, cycling, writing, making friends, going to the theatre. And send a photo, please!
Laetita Boufflers (12), Rue du petit Saville, 31530 Saint Cheron, France.

Dear MIKE,
I'm looking for either a boy or a girl pen-pal who could perhaps help me with English, because the language really fascinates me! I love all sports, going on journeys, discovering unkown places and meeting new people. I enjoy comedy and music. So write soon!
Bruno Tremolieres, 6 Avenue des Consulats, 67210 Obernai, France.



Dear MIKE,
I'd love to write to anyone in England (they could write in either German or English). My hobbies are: dancing, karate, badminton, cooking, disco dancing, cinema going, listening to music and writing letters.
Sonja Tusehorn (15), Rosselberg 36, D – 4923 Esertertal 1, West Germany.

Dear MIKE,
I'm looking for pen-pals from all over the world. If you could help me, then here are a few hobbies: writing, listening to music and many more. . .
Kerstin Bartling (16), Wohrmannsfeld 19, 4800 Bielefeld 15, West Germany.

Dear MIKE,
I'm looking for a boy pen-pal to write to, aged 14. My hobbies are stamp collecting, listening to music (especially Dire Straits). Oh, and please, send a photo!
Barbara Smith (13), 10 St. Anne's Close, Sleaford, Lincs.

Dear MIKE,
I'm 13 years old and would like a pen-friend who enjoys collecting all sorts of things, swimming and reading. You can even write in English, French or German, because I love learning languages.
Tanja Fiedler (15), Eisenschmiede 64, 3500 Kassel, West Germany.

Dear MIKE,
Reading, handball, singing and rollerskating are very briefly my hobbies. I'd like a girl pen-pal from England to write to.
Christel Ecke (12), Am Fiskerliek 52, 4402 Gresen 1, West Germany.

Dear MIKE,
I love going to discos, listening to music, playing any sport, reading and generally lazing about! I'd love to find either a girl or a boy to write to aged 15 or so.
Sandra Kuhm (15), Heideweg 3, 5901 Wilnsdorf 11, West Germany.

Dear MIKE,
I was born in Turkey, and though I can write in English I don't do it very well! My hobbies are riding, any sports and swimming in particular. I wouldn't mind either a boy or girl pen-pal, so please write and send a photo too.
Serirfthatun Duran (16), 35 Rue Herrade 67200, Strasbourg.

Dear MIKE,
We are two girls looking for either girls or boys to write to. We've got loads of hobbies – so please write, anyone! And soon!
Carla and Nicola Deery and Grennen (12), 512 Stafford Road, Oxley, Wolverhampton.

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Dear MIKE,
Swimming, dancing, listening to music are three of my favourite hobbies. My favourite pop singer is Madonna, and I also collect bottles. I'd prefer to find an English girl around my age, but she doesn't necessarily have to write in French.
Elisabeth Lastennet. 9 Impasse de Hollande, 49460 Montreuil-Juigne, France.

Dear MIKE,
Model making is a great hobby of mine, but I also enjoy cycling and drawing. Cars, Cinema, swimming are just a few extra interests. I have 1 sister, 2 tortoises and 1 cat. I'd like a boy pen-pal with similar interests.
Eric Saillet (13), 4 Rue Currer, 69006 Lyon, France.

Dear MIKE,
I love to play the piano, read, write really long letters and classical dancing. Depeche Mode are a real favourite of mine. So, if you are an English girl aged 12 with similar hobbies, then please write!
Laure Ucay (12), 45 Rue du coillou gris, 31200 Toulouse, France.

Dear MIKE,
Tennis, swimming and music are my favourite hobbies, but I also love to smile a lot. I'd like to write to an English girl aged 13 or so with the same hobbies. Please send a photo.
Carine Maiocchi (13), 32 Allee de Chanterain, 91190 Gifs/Yvette, France.

Dear MIKE,
I am very sporty and love to play football, table tennis, go cycling and fishing, I am a keen member of the Scouts, and I also like nature and listening to music. I'd like to find either a boy or a girl pen-pal from England to write to.
Rene Witt (12), Frithjofstrasse 73, 2820 Bremen 70, West Germany.

Dear MIKE,
Apart from reading and writing, listening to modern or classical music, I love to go swimming, cycling and skiing. I'm looking for an English girl pen-friend around my age. And please, could she send a photo.
Sandra Graf (14), Schulstrasse 12, 7893 Jostettern 2, West Germany.

Dear MIKE,
I really don't mind whether I find a girl or a boy pen-pal to write to. I enjoy swimming, diving and collecting stamps.
Stephan Plum (10), Am Frietagsbach 19, 3100 Telle, West Germany.

Dear MIKE,
I'd love to find a girl pen-pal who likes sports and likes animals. I love to go skiing and play tennis, and I also like dogs and horses. I promise to answer every letter!
Rike Mehls (12), Goldene Pforte 2, 5800 Hagen, West Germany.

Dear MIKE,
I enjoy stamp collecting, playing on my home computer, table tennis, BMX riding, videos, comics and writing letters. I'd like a boy pen-pal from England with similar hobbies.
Stefen Griemla (12), Anemonenstrasse 9, 4803 Steinhagen, West Germany

PENPAL COUPON

ATTACH PHOTO HERE!

BLOCK LETTERS PLEASE!

Christian Name _____

Surname _____ Age _____

Street _____

Town _____ U.K.

I'd like a Boy / Girl Penpal (tick one)

From: ☐ U.K. ☐ Germany
☐ Denmark ☐ Austria
☐ Spain ☐ Italy
☐ Netherlands ☐ Finland
☐ Ireland ☐ France
☐ Belgium

(tick one)

My Hobbies and Interests are:

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Cut out coupon and return to **MIKE!**

SPECIAL JOKES SPOT

Dear MIKE,
A woman was driving down the M55 knitting. Suddenly a Police car came whizzing beside her, and the Policeman said "Pull Over!" The woman replied "No, a pair of socks."

Jason Taylor, 29 Rodwell Walk, Layton, Blackpool.

Dear MIKE,
Joe: Excuse me, I think you're sitting on my seat.
Ed: Oh! Can you prove it?
Joe I think I left my treacle tart on it!

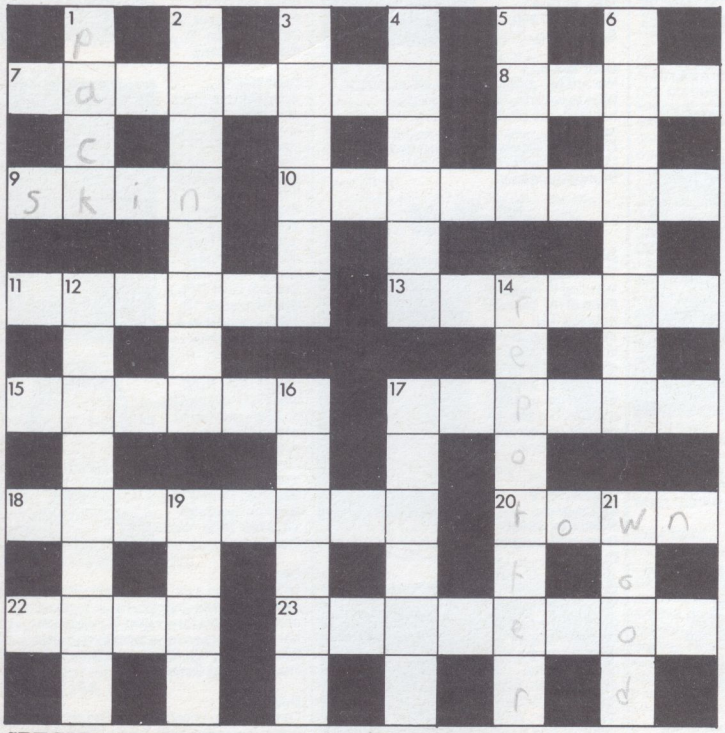
Q: What's the cure for water on the brain?
A: A tap on the head!

Aarti Amin. 494 Melton Road, Leicester.

Dear MIKE,
George: Dad, there's a man at the door with a bill!
Dad: Impossible! It must be a duck with a coat on!

Caroline Kelly, 11 Brookside, Liverpool.

Blirriant's PLIZE CLOSSWORD



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1. Set of cards, or wolves. (4)
2. Alfred Lord ....., Poet Laureate 1850-1892. (8)
3. Nuclear, solar, wind and all types of greeny (anag.) (6)
4. Band of colour. (6)
5. Covering for house. (4)
6. Opposite to highlands. (8)
12. Newspaper or television news-gatherer. (8)
14. Related to the Armed Forces. (8)
16. Dried grape. (6)
17. Porker's home. (6)
19. Similar. (4)
21. Building material from tree. (4)

ACROSS

7. Girl's name plus madman – or kernel from common hedgerow tree. (5, 3)
8. Woodwind instrument. (4)
9. An animals outer covering. (4)
10. Amount of water descending from sky. (8)
11. Like the outside of bread – or irritable!
13. Black and white fur used to trim the edges of royal robes. (6)
15. Device for getting into a tin. (6)
17. From an Eastern European country, or to make shiny. (6)
18. Urgent, or ironing. (8)
20. Bigger than a village, smaller than a city. (4)
22. You will find either stitches or coal in this. (4)
23. Internal telephone – nice mort! (anag.) (8)

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

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SPECIAL PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED TO THE FIRST THREE CORRECT ENTRIES OPENED.
CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES IS OCTOBER 24th.

MIKE AND DR. CHARLIE AT THE SWIMMING BATHS.

IN COPYING THE DRAWING MIKE HAS MADE 12 MISTAKES. CAN YOU SPOT THEM BELOW? ANSWER PAGE 16.

stop press top press

CARTOON STRIP WRITER PRIZE WINNERS FROM THE MAY ISSUE

David Hodgkinson (14),
1 South Promenade, Cleveleys,
Blackpool, Lancashire FY5 1BZ.

TITLE: IF AT FIRST YOU DON'T SUCCEED!
26, 27, 28 29, 30....
...148, GOOD FUN THIS! 149, 150, 151, 152 LET'S SEE IF I CAN GET TO A THOUSAND!
5 HOURS LATER....
998, 999...!
HEY! I'VE GOT A GREAT IDEA, LET'S BUILD A CARD TOWER!
HUH!?

2nd PRIZE

Camell Nandha (13), 63 Villiers Street.

3rd PRIZE

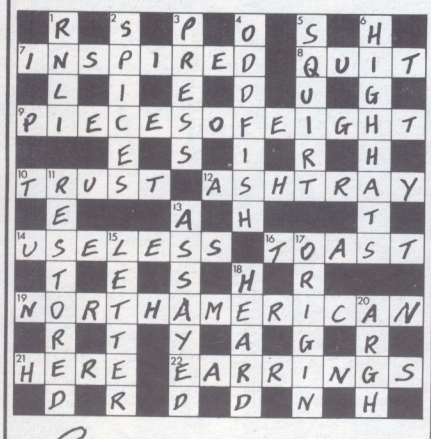
Robert Squirrel (12), Harts Green,
Donkey Lane, Lawshall IP29 4QU.

CROSSWORD WINNERS FROM THE MAY ISSUE

Isaac Green, 59 West Quadrant,
Fifth Park, Sheffield.

Mark Platt, 8 Oxford Road,
Frinton-on-Sea, Essex.

M. C. Simpson, Long Hill, Winterburn,
Skipton, N. Yorkshire.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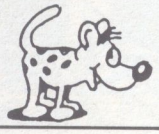


RAVENOUS RODNEY'S RECIPE CORNER

SPIKY BALLS

1 small packet of digestive biscuits.
4 tbs. golden syrup.
12 oz. milk chocolate (cooking).
5 oz. dessicated coconut.
3 oz. butter or margarine.
3 oz. sugar.

Crush the biscuits in a bowl. Then melt the butter and the sugar, golden syrup and chocolate. Pour onto the biscuits and mix together so the biscuits are all covered. Then take some in your hand and roll into a ball. Continue until all the ingredients are gone. Then roll them in the coconut and leave them to set for
½ hour in the fridge. Very tasty!

GRRRREAT!

Lisa May, 44 Sprignall, South Bretton, Peterborough.

Dear Rodney,
Here's an unusual, but gorgeous recipe for you to try.

PEANUT BUTTER COOKIES

4 oz. butter.
4 oz. crunchy peanut butter.
4 oz. brown sugar.
4 oz. white sugar.
1 egg.
½ tsp. baking soda.
½ tsp. vanilla essence.
6 oz. plain flour.

Cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Add peanut butter and mix hard. Add egg and vanilla essence – mix well. Sift flour and soda. Stir into mixture well. Drop by teaspoonfulls onto greased baking trays.
Bake 10 minutes. 350°F (Gas 4).

Sarah Leveritt (12), 112 Glebe Road, Norwich.

POETS CORNER

TIM

Tim is a funny little thing,
Tim is a funny thing,
His eyes are as green as grass,
His tail as grey as smoke,
His body and head as black as night,
and his paws are as brown as a nut.

No name – Shap Lodge, Penrith, Cumbria.

THE BULB

I am a bulb,
not a plant bulb,
but a light bulb,
cos plant bulbs,
are dim bulbs,
and I am a bright bulb.
Bugs eat plant bulbs
but I am a light bulb.
So I am invincibulb!

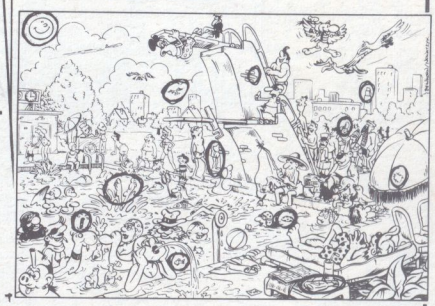
Dawn Self (10), 6 Royle Street, Denton, Manchester.

MY GERBIL

Bitsy, my gerbil is 6 months old,
He never does what he is told,
He burrows in his cage and makes a nest,
of all the pets I've had he is the best.
He is brown and furry, soft and warm,
he eats sunflower seeds and squeaks in the morn.

Paula Cook (14), 7 Bron-yr-Eglwys, Mynydd Isa, Mold, Clwyd.

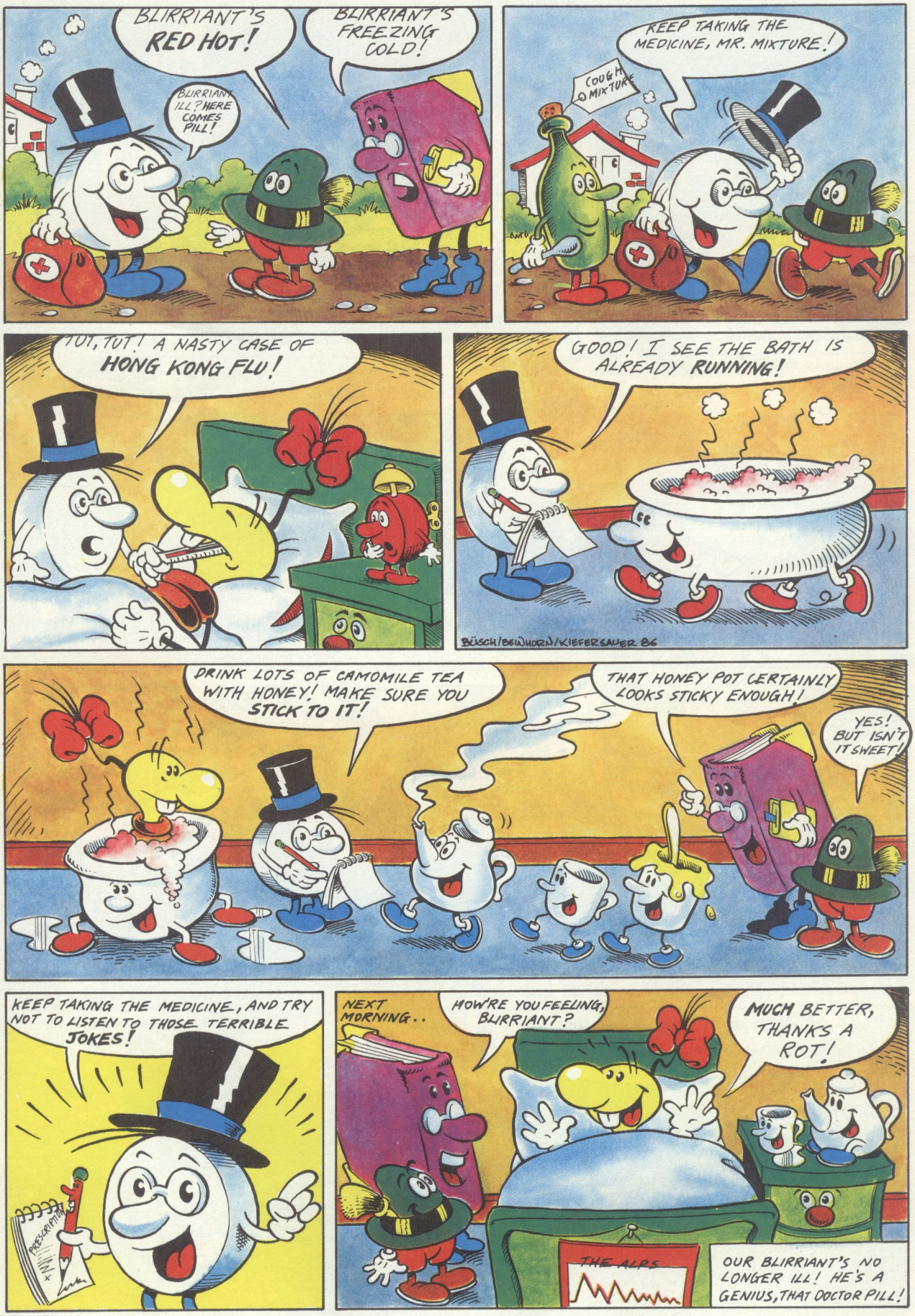
MIKE AT THE SWIMMING BATHS SOLUTION



For penfriends, joke suggestions, puzzles, write to:

**T.S.B.'s MIKE,
SCHOOL GARDENS,
SHREWSBURY SY1 2AJ.**

MR. BLIRRIANT
IN TALES FOR THE LIGHT-HEADED!
I'M SO BLIGHT!
THE AMAZING DR. PILL
GLOAN!
HI, BLIRRIANT! NOT FEELING TOO GOOD?
I'M SO HOOOOT!!
FEELING PLETTY AWFUL, HALLY HAT!
TCH, TCH, TCH!
MUST GET HELP! AH! THERE'S DORIS DICTIONARY!
YOU WISH TO LOOK ME UP?
CAN I HELP AT ALL?
THE A-Z OF EVERYTHING
HOW GRAVE!
I'M FLEEZING COLD! (CHATTER)
THIS IS BEYOND MY POWERS, HARRY! LOOKS LIKE A CASE FOR DOCTOR PILL!
YOU THINK SO!
DR. PILL! BLIRRIANT'S ILL!
ONE SPOONFUL, THREE TIMES A DAY... IZZAT SOMEONE CALLING ME?
COUGH MIXTURE
HAR COUGH!


BLIRRIANT'S RED HOT!
BLIRRIANT'S FREEZING COLD!
BLIRRIANT ILL? HERE COMES PILL!
KEEP TAKING THE MEDICINE, MR. MIXTURE!
COUGH MIXTURE
TUT, TUT! A NASTY CASE OF HONG KONG FLU!
GOOD! I SEE THE BATH IS ALREADY RUNNING!
BÜSCH/BEINHORN/KIEFERSAUER 86
DRINK LOTS OF CAMOMILE TEA WITH HONEY! MAKE SURE YOU STICK TO IT!
THAT HONEY POT CERTAINLY LOOKS STICKY ENOUGH!
YES! BUT ISN'T IT SWEET!
KEEP TAKING THE MEDICINE, AND TRY NOT TO LISTEN TO THOSE TERRIBLE JOKES!
PRESCRIPTION
NEXT MORNING..
HOW'RE YOU FEELING, BLIRRIANT?
MUCH BETTER, THANKS A ROT!
THE ALPS
OUR BLIRRIANT'S NO LONGER ILL! HE'S A GENIUS, THAT DOCTOR PILL!

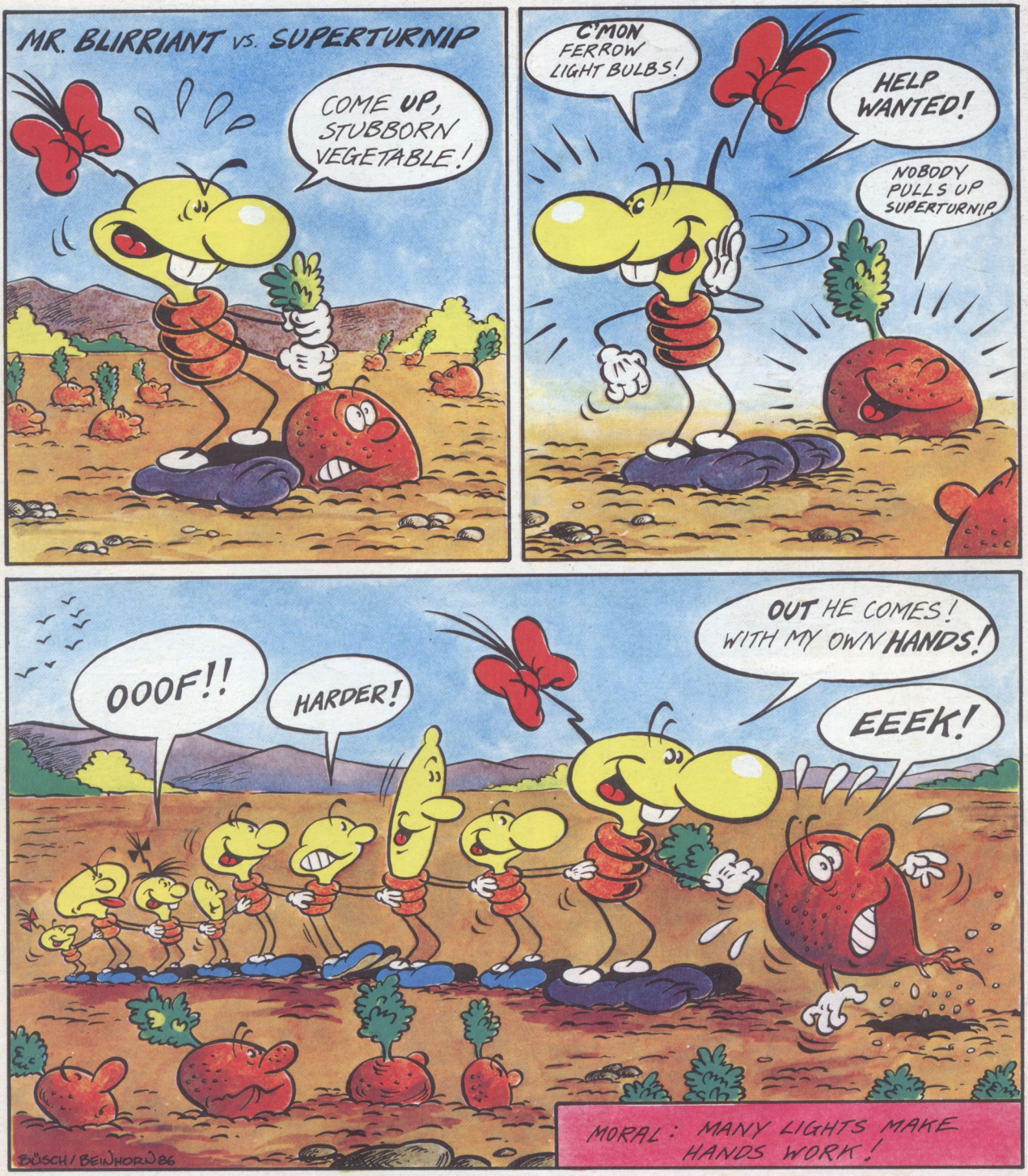
RAVENOUS RODNEY
GUEST STAR BONEHEAD BADGER
in:
WOLFMAN JACK
HOW RODNEY LOATHES THE POSTMAN! BILLS, BILLS AND MORE BILLS! BUT... WOZZIS? ERK!!
FREEZO
BREAD BEST BEFORE MAY 196
BILL
PAY UP
FINAL DEMAND
PAY
WOW! THIS ONE'S FROM MY UNCLE WOLFMAN JACK IN CHICAGO!!
YEAH!!
DERE RODNEY,
HOWE AR YEW? THINGS IS FINE WIT ME, EXCEP I AM NOT GETTIN ON TO WEL AT MY SPELUN LESSUNS AND THIS TOWN IS GETTIN A LITUL HOT FOR ME, KNO WOT I MEAN?
ARIVIN FRIDAY JELLYVILLE AIRPORT.
YOUR LUVIN UNKEL JACK
GREAT! FRIDAY? THAT'S TOMORROW!!

BUT... ULP... RODNEY'S CUPBOARD IS BARE! THERE'S NO FOOD IN THE HOUSE! DESPAIR!!
COURAGE! AM I NOT RAVENOUS RODNEY WOLFE, SCOURGE OF THE SUPERMARKET AND CHAMPION CHICKEN NICKER? I SHALL SWIPE A LARDERFULL OF GOODIES FOR MY BELOVED RELATION!!
SLURP!!
FIRST COURSE, FISH FINGERS FROM CARADOC HADDOCK! FOLLOWED BY ONE OF CHAS CHICKEN'S GOLDEN CHICKEN CHUNKS! TOPPED OFF WITH A COUPLE OF CREAM CAKES FROM SIMON LE BUN!
WOLF
AH! FOOLISH RODNEY NEARLY FORGOT! A CASE OF LEMONADE FROM THE JELLYVILLE POP SHOP!
EASIER SAID THAN DONE, RODNEY!
WHAT'S UP, RODNEY? BEEN SHOPPING? OR HAD A WHOPPING?
HEH, HEH, HEH!
AAH, SHURRUP, BONEHEAD! I HAPPEN TO HAVE A SORE BACK, THAT'S ALL!
GROAN!
ARGH!

CARADOC HADDOCK HIT ME WITH A COD! SIMON LE BUN CLONKED ME WITH A ROCK CAKE!! AND CHAS CHICKEN ASKED ME TO TAKE A SEAT — ON HIS GRILL!!
SPLOSH!
AND I STILL HAVEN'T GOT ANYTHING FOR UNCLE JACK TO EAT!!
I S'POSE THERE'S ALWAYS THE (UGH!) VEGETABLE GARDEN (SHUDDER)!
FOR STARTERS, DELICIOUS NETTLE SOUP! (YECH!) THEN BEANS AND BEETROOT. AND TO FOLLOW, BEETROOT AND BEANS, AND FOR PUDDING, A FEW MORE ...ER... BEANS, WITH PERHAPS A HINT OF BEETROOT... (GAK!)
SO...
NOW THEN, DEAREST RELATION! DEEELICIOUS SOUP, PACKED WITH MULTIMEGAVITAMINS, HIGH IN FIBRE, AND CONTAINING ABSOLUTELY NO DANGEROUS CHEMICALS!
PHTHOO!! GEECHH!!! WHAT IS DIS GREEN STUFF? SAY, DON'T YOUSE GUYS EAT FOOD ROUND DESE PARTS? LEMME GET MY SUITCASE!!!
COOK WITH BEETROOT
COOK WITH BEANS + BEETROOT

TIP DIS STUFF IN DE GARBAGE! AND STAND BY FOR A FEAST OF GOOD OL' CHICAGO GRUB!!
?
I ♥ CHICAGO
L.A.
WHAT US WOLVES NEEDS IS MEAT! LOOK AT DIS, FOR STARTERS! CANBURGERS! AND DIS! HEAVY MEAT LUMPS! GET YOUR FANGS STUCK INTO DIS, RODNEY BOY!
WOW! GREAT, UNK!!
MEAT
MEAT BALLS
SAUSAGE
TUCK IN, RODNEY!
SLOO!
CHOFF! SMOK! YUMM!
CRONCH!
LATER...
WOW! RODNEY! YOU LOOK FULL!! ER... COULD I BORROW SOME BEANS AND A BEETROOT?!
THE GARDEN IS OVER THERE, AS YOU KNOW, BONEHEAD.
YOU CAN TAKE THE LOT!!
BURP!
THE END

DR CHARLIE SNARK IN: THE BOOMERANG
ZOOOM!
GOODNESS! WHAT A TALENTED THROW!
BRILL, CHARLIE!
WHEEE!
1
WHERE'S IT GONE?
HAVE NO FEAR! IT WILL DEFINITELY COME BACK! IT'S A REAL ONE, ALL THE WAY FROM AUSTRALIA!
2
3 HOURS LATER...
IT'S TAKING A LONG TIME!!
DEAR ME! HOW DISSAPOINTING!
3
4 HOURS LATER, MIKE + DR. CHARLIE WANDER WEARILY HOME...
CHEER UP, CHARLIE! I'LL GET YOU A NEW BOOMERANG WITH MY POCKET MONEY!
4
WOE IS ME! MY DEAREST UNCLE OSWALD SENT IT ALL THE WAY FROM AUSTRALIA! SUCH A KIND THOUGHT, AND ALL I'VE DONE IS THROW IT AWAY!!
TOUGH LUCK!
5
SUDDENLY..
WEEE!
WIZZZ!
WHAT A BIT OF LUCK!
YOU FOUND IT!!
CRUNCH!
FLOP
BUSCH/BEUSHAUSEN
6



TSB
BANK
THE BANK THAT LIKES TO SAY YES